

Protection concluded a hearing to examine international disaster assistance, focusing on policy options, after receiving testimony from James B. Warlick, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; James Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Edward C. Luck, United Nations, New York, New York; and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, and Stewart Patrick, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

RUSSIA, IRAN, AND U.S.-RUSSIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Russia, Iran,

and United States-Russian nuclear cooperation from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers by protecting intellectual property, after receiving testimony from Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Brian Monks, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Melville, New York; Mike Rose, Johnson and Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc., Fountainville, Pennsylvania; and Jeff Thurnau, Gates Corporation, Denver, Colorado.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6274–6288; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1275, 1278–1280 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2964, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–712);

H.R. 3702, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery (H. Rept. 110–713);

H.R. 5710, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System (H. Rept. 110–714);

H.R. 5511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado (H. Rept. 110–715);

H. Res. 1150, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack

and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–716);

Supplemental report on H.R. 5781, to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (H. Rept. 110–624, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 1276, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5876) to require certain standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs (H. Rept. 110–717); and H. Res. 1277, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5781) to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave (H. Rept. 110–718).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Larsen (WA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Captive Primate Safety Act: H.R. 2964, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 302 yeas to 96 nays, Roll No. 414; **Pages H5417–21, H5457**

Montana Cemetery Act of 2008: H.R. 3702, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to

convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 415;
Pages H5421, H5457–58

Honoring the life of Timothy John Russert, Jr., public servant, political analyst, and author: H. Res. 1275, to honor the life of Timothy John Russert, Jr., public servant, political analyst, and author, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 416;
Pages H5441–45, H5458–59

Granting a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated: S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H5445–49

Revising the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006: S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006—clearing the measure for the President; and
Pages H5449–54

Recognizing the Honorable Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., on the occasion of the establishment of an endowment for trial advocacy called the “Andrew L. Jefferson Endowment for Trial Advocacy” at Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas: H. Res. 31, to recognize the Honorable Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr., on the occasion of the establishment of an endowment for trial advocacy called the “Andrew L. Jefferson Endowment for Trial Advocacy” at Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas.
Pages H5454–56

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States: H. Res. 1247, amended, to support the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and to celebrate the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States;
Pages H5421–26

Commending the Orange County Water District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary: H. Res. 1199, to commend the Orange County Water

District and its employees for their sound financial management and innovative groundwater management, water quality, water efficiency, and environmental programs, on its 75th anniversary;
Pages H5426–28

Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act: H.R. 5710, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System;
Pages H5428–30

Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008: H.R. 5511, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado;
Pages H5430–31

Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”: H. Res. 1002, amended, to express support for designation of April 2008 as “Public Radio Recognition Month”;
Pages H5431–32

Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day: H. Res. 1219, to celebrate the symbol of the United States flag and to support the goals and ideals of Flag Day;
Pages H5432–35

Congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country: H. Res. 1029, amended, to congratulate and recognize Mr. Juan Antonio “Chi-Chi” Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course, for his generosity and devotion to charity, and for his exemplary dedication to the intellectual and moral growth of thousands of low-income and disadvantaged youth in our country;
Pages H5735–36

John P. Gallagher Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “John P. Gallagher Post Office Building”;
Pages H5437–38

Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6085, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the “Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building”; and
Pages H5438–40

Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future: H. Res. 1237, to recognize the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future. **Pages H5440–41**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H7457**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H5457**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his designation of Shara L. Aranoff as Chairman and Daniel Pearson as Vice Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, effective June 17, 2008—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H5431**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5417, and H5431.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 84 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H5479**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed appear on pages H5483–84.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5457, H5458, and H5458–59. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government approved for

full Committee action the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

LEGAL REDRESS FOR TERRORISM VICTIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Ensuring Legal Redress for American Victims of State-Sponsored Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Representatives Braley of Iowa and Sestak; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5781, the “Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008.” The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report if offered by Rep. Davis of Illinois or his designee. The rule waives all points of order against such amendment except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment made in order shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided by the proponent and an opponent.

The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Illinois.

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5876, the “Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.” The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the